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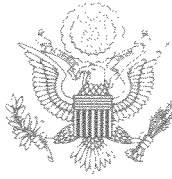
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Radanovich Project Requests for Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act 2009

In the San Joaquin Valley where half of the fruits, nuts, and vegetables consumed by the nation are grown, efficient transportation is vitally important in moving produce from farm to market. Transportation corridors such as State Route 99, which distribute goods from the San Joaquin Valley nationwide, are regionally as well as nationally significant. Improving transportation along our major arteries also has an air quality impact on the San Joaquin Valley. Along with the South Coast Air Basin, the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin is home to the worst air quality in the nation. Improving transportation along State Route 99 will also help meet the goals of attaining federal air quality standards in the San Joaquin Valley.

As a fiscally responsible conservative, I understand the need to support only the most nationally and regionally significant projects. These requests ensure that a portion of the federal dollars the state receives is utilized in the San Joaquin Valley, which does not receive equitable funding compared to other areas of the state, rather than solely in other areas that do not meet the needs of the 19th District. During these unprecedented economic times when our country, and our state, is spending money at unsustainable rates, we have to make difficult choices. In consultation with local officials affected by the projects, I have made the difficult choices and supported a limited number of these requests. While there were many other local project requests that I believe are meritorious and would like to support, I believe that the below list of projects best benefits our region. This ensures the most efficient usage of resources to achieve the most significant regional and economic impact.

The local project requests I am supporting are:

- State Route 99/State Route 219 Interchange Improvement Project in Stanislaus
\$8,483,200
- State Route 99/Veterans Boulevard Interchange in Fresno County
\$20,000,000
- State Route 99/Pelandale Avenue Interchange Reconstruction in Stanislaus County
\$10,136,800
- SR99/4th Street Interchange Widening between 'K' and Lake St. in Merced County
\$6,700,000
- Road Improvements in Jamestown on State Highway 49/108 in Tuolumne County.
\$5,000,000
- Realign and Replace Old Highway Bridge in Mariposa County
\$6,731,200
- Barstow Avenue Corridor Transportation Improvements Projects in Fresno County
\$4,228,100